

Reunited and it feels so good?

Reunifying the Baltimore
News American collections

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Hello!

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The Collection(s)

What is the Baltimore News
American?

The News American

FINAL

esday, May 27, 1986

Baltimore Maryland

25 Cents

Home Delivery Today: \$1.75
Phone 547-1234

SO LONG, BALTIMORE

The News American, a daily and Sunday newspaper that has published in Baltimore since 1773 — the oldest daily newspaper in Maryland — will suspend publication, the Hearst Corp. announced.

In December, Hearst announced that the News American was for sale and that research had begun earlier in the fall. Qualified buyer Henry Andersen, an internationally active newspaper owner, retained to find a buyer who had

the financial ability and the publishing experience necessary to preserve the paper's editorial voice and the jobs it represented for the Baltimore community.

Hearst said that despite the success of recent innovations, such as *The News American's* "total market coverage" program, the newspaper has suffered heavy financial losses for several years.

More than 50 prospective buyers were contacted. Only a very few showed any

interest and none demonstrated the financial commitment required to continue publication. Harbor Newspapers, Inc., the buyer of last resort, withdrew from negotiations last week. Several additional parties expressed an interest in the real estate only, but Hearst maintained the position that the preservation of the newspaper and the jobs involved was the paramount consideration for a sale.

"We were unable to find a buyer who met

the criteria and, regrettably, we must now take the inevitable next step and suspend publication," said J. Roger Greer, Hearst Vice President and Group Executive for Newspapers.

Among the alternatives explored was the possibility of a joint operating agreement with Baltimore's other newspaper, the *Baltimore Sun*, in which certain business and production operations might be merged to reduce expenses. The management of the

Sun rejected such an arrangement.

A separation package, which will include extended paid, extended hospital, life and life insurance coverage as well as placement assistance will be made available to all employees.

The Hearst Corporation publishes other daily newspapers and has extensive operations in magazines, book and publishing as well as television, motion picture and cable TV network programming.

Memorial Day 1986: New names for 'The Wall'



Levitt pleads guilty to theft, embezzlement

• Jeffrey and Carol Levitt's collection of classic cars goes on auction Wednesday, 8 A.

By Liz Bowe
and Sheri Vershima
News American Staff

Speaking in a tired, husky voice and looking pale, Jeffrey A. Levitt, the ousted president of Old Court Savings and Loan Association, pleaded guilty today



Fun BNA Tidbit

Louise Malloy: first woman
newspaper journalist in
Baltimore worked at the
BNA



A Collection Splits Once

UMBC

1975:

55,000 b/w UPI
photos

75,000 glass &
nitrate negatives

Pratt Library

Circa 1975-1977:

16,000 b/w photos

umbc University of Maryland Baltimore County
5401 Wilkens Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21228
The Library

October 5, 1977

Mr. Edward Dentry
Librarian
Baltimore News American
301 Lombard Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Dentry:

This letter acknowledges formal receipt of 55,000 black and white UPI and INP photographs and 75,000 glass and nitrate negatives which were given to the UMBC Library in 1975.

And again, and again?

UMD

1986:

Photo & clippings
morgue
(>1 million
photographs)

Several later
purchases & donations
too

UMBC

1994:

UMD transfers
3,000 glass
negatives



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RECEIPT

The undersigned acknowledges the receipt of the following item(s)
from the Marylandia & Rare Books Department:

approximately 3,000 News American glass negatives

The above items are being transferred from the Marylandia & Rare
Books Department of the McKeldin Library to the Special Collections
Department, Kuhn Library, University of Maryland Baltimore County.

Work on the BNA at UMBC

- Late 70s - circa 2003:
Negatives were rehoused in acid free envelopes and captions transcribed onto the sleeves
- UMBC staff segregated the nitrate negatives from the acetate and glass negatives
- Nitrate negatives were sent for silver recovery



Photo by Jason Speck

The Baltimore Sun at UMBC



What to do about the BNA?

- No resources to be good stewards of the collection
- Better for researchers to have the collection reunited
- Needed space for *Sun* pallets
- So...Consulted with colleagues & made proposal to Library Executive Council to transfer our holdings to UMD

Baltimore News-American Deaccession Proposal

Albin O. Kuhn Library & Gallery Special Collections, UMBC
<https://library.umbc.edu/speccoll>

Plan

The UMBC Special Collections holds thousands of acetate negatives, glass plate negatives, photographic prints, and clippings from the *Baltimore News-American* (BNA) newspaper. While this material would be a rich resource to scholars, currently the collection is inaccessible to researchers. Although negatives have been rehoused, there is no index or listing. A folder listing of the 8x10 black and white prints was begun, but only half of the boxes were ever completed. We have only received a couple reference requests related to this collection.

The University of Maryland (UMD) Special Collections holds the Baltimore News American Collection, comprised of approximately 1.5 million photographs, newspaper clippings, library files, correspondence, scrapbooks, unpublished and published manuscripts, editorial style guides, subscriber materials, an oral history, employee newsletters, maps, original newspapers, ephemera, and memorabilia from the newspaper. They have a [finding aid](#):



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Get Rich Quick
Ponzi Now a C' ...



Wife is Loyal as
Wizard Ponzi L ...



Remember Mr.
Ponzi?



One Collection Two Moves

The Collection



Clippings



Glass Plate Negatives



Acetate and Glass Plate
Negatives

First Move - May, 2018

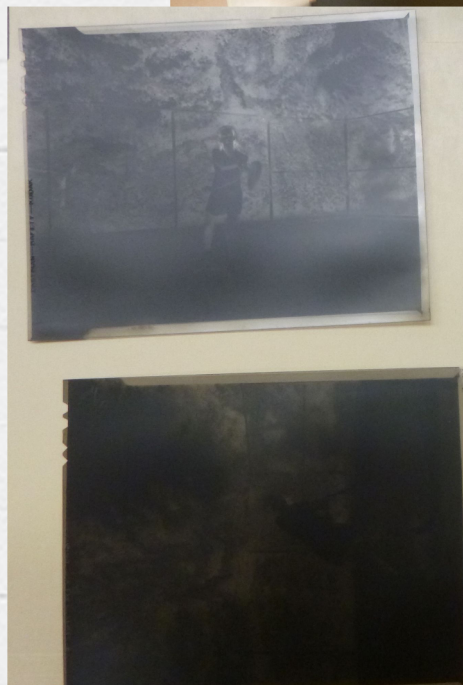
- Clippings
(31 Paige Boxes)
- Boxed Glass Plate
Negatives
(45 Hollinger flip-tops)
- Photographic Prints
(165 Paige boxes)



Assessing What Remained

Acetate and Glass Plate Negatives

- 40 cabinet drawers
- Initial estimate of 50,000 acetate and glass plate negatives
- The negatives were various states from good to very bad condition



Help!

UMD Preservation Department

- Less than 5 FTE
- Some experience with photographic negatives but not at this scale
- We contracted help from NEDCC



Photographic Evaluation



Images courtesy of NEDCC

Curatorial & Administrative Buy-In

Considering the expense and uncertainty of the image recovery and the volume of negatives that would require treatment, negotiating an assessment process and getting buy-in was critical to the projects success.



Vinegar Syndrome

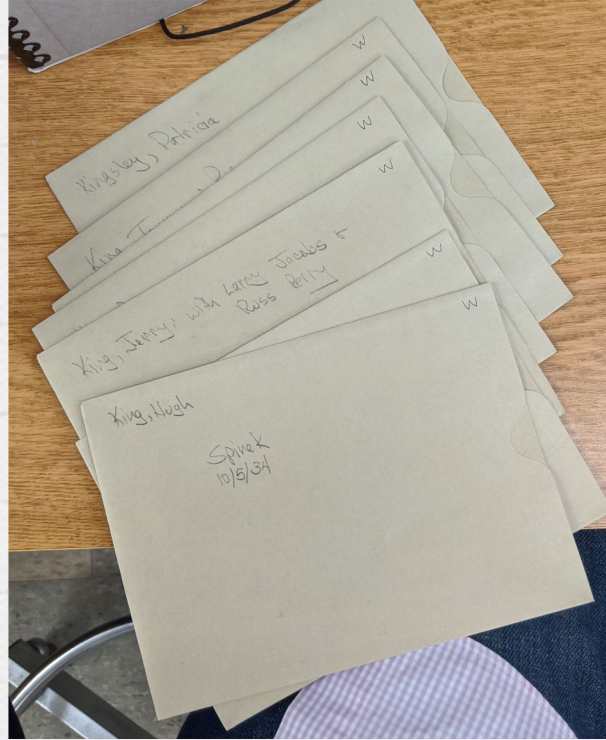
- Because of the degraded state of the negatives the immediate storage area had a strong smell of acetic acid.
- The odor was so strong that we had to work in shifts and brought in a box fan for ventilation.



Image courtesy of NEDCC

Assessing & Weeding

- Every envelope was flexed slightly and we listened for cracking or crunching.
- Glass plate negatives that had were broken or had flaking emulsions were disposed of.
- The envelopes were kept to preserve any metadata they might contain.



Boxing & Labeling

Acetate 4" x 5"

Acetate 5" x 7"

Glass Plate 4" x 5"

Glass Plate 5" x 7"

Two negative sizes and two negative types required four different sets of box labels.



Second Move – January, 2020

Coordination Included:

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Any questions?



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